

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 7, line 17 as follows:

-- A laser beam corresponding to image information from an optical system 1 is ~~irradiated on~~ irradiates the photosensitive drum 7 via an exposure opening 1e to form a latent image.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 9, line 13, as follows:

--Fig. 4 shows a detail view of waste toner carrying means  $\pm 6$  provided in the cleaning frame 13 of the process cartridge B. Fig. 5 shows an enlarged view of a drive portion of the waste toner carrying means  $\pm 6$ . The cleaning frame 13 has a through hole 24, which serves as an opening for setting the waste toner carrying means  $\pm 6$ , in a longitudinal direction thereof. The waste toner carrying means  $\pm 6$  includes a waste toner carrying member 16b and a drive member 16a serving as a driving force receiving member for driving the waste toner carrying member 16b. This waste toner carrying member 16b rotates to forcibly carry waste toner to the cleaning frame 13. In addition, the driving force of the waste toner carrying member 16b is transmitted from a drum gear crimped to the photosensitive drum 7 while being decelerated via idler gears 16c, 16d, and 16e. The drive member 16a is attached to an end face in a longitudinal direction of the process cartridge B while being pierced through the through-hole 24 provided on a side of the cleaning frame 13 from an outside to an inside of the cleaning frame 13. Further, a seal member 25 such as an oil seal is provided in the through-hole 24. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 10, line 16 as follows:

-- Next, an operation for carrying waste toner into the cleaning frame 13 with the waste toner carrying means 16 will be described in detail. After image formation, waste toner remaining on the photosensitive drum 7 is removed by the cleaning blade 10a which is in abutment against the photosensitive drum 7. The removed waste toner is gradually accumulated in the cleaning frame 13 but is liable to be recovered in the vicinity of a lower part of the cleaning blade 10a. Thus, the waste toner recovered in the vicinity of the lower part of the cleaning blade 10a is forcibly carried in a downstream direction of the cleaning frame 13 by the rotation of the waste toner carrying member 16b. The waste toner forcibly carried into the cleaning frame 13 is deposited in a vertical downward direction in the cleaning frame 13. However, since the waste toner is in a state in which a bulk density thereof is increased, an amount of the waste toner to be received in the cleaning frame 13 can be made larger than an amount of waste toner to be received in a cleaning frame of the same volume. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 11, line 11 as follows:

--A portion of the waste toner forcibly carried into the cleaning frame 13 is carried in a direction of the waste toner carrying means 16 again by a circulating flow generated in the cleaning frame 13 by the toner carrying operation. When the circulated waste toner is deposited on the waste toner carrying member 16b, a driving force of the waste toner carrying member 16b is increased to cause an increase in load with respect to a drive source (not shown). Thus, in order to prevent the circulated waste toner from depositing on the waste

toner carrying member 16b, the partition member 17 is provided above the waste toner carrying member 16b such that the circulated waste toner is deposited on the downstream side in the toner carrying direction. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 12, line 13 as follows:

-- With the above-mentioned structure, by using the waste toner carrying member 16b ~~16~~, it is possible to increase a bulk density of the waste toner in the cleaning frame 13 and forcibly carry the waste toner to the downstream side of the cleaning frame, thereby allowing much waste toner to be received in the cleaning frame compared with a frame body of the same volume. Further, since the partition plate 17 is used, the waste toner received in the cleaning frame 13 never prevents the drive of the waste toner carrying member. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 13, line 15 as follows:

-- Figs. 6 and 7 show a process cartridge of a low price and low capacity type using a second cleaning unit C which does not adopt the waste toner carrying member ~~16~~ used in the cleaning unit C described in the first embodiment. Note that the same components as those in the first embodiment are denoted by the same reference symbols. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 14, line 1 as follows:

-- In the cleaning unit C the through-hole 24 serving as an opening for mounting a waste toner carrying member is unnecessary because the waste toner carrying member 16 is not adopted. Thus, a toner sealing member 23 is pressed in or welded to the through-hole 24 provided in the cleaning frame 13 to seal the through-hole 24 such that waste toner does not leak therefrom. --